THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) TITLE II GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

This Grievance Procedure is established to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). It may be used by anyone who wishes to file a complaint alleging discrimination on the basis of disability in the provision of services, activities, programs, or benefits by the Bradley County, Tennessee. The Bradley County Personnel Policy governs employment-related complaints of disability discrimination.

The complaint should be in writing and contain information about the alleged discrimination such as name, address, phone number of complainant and location, date, and description of the problem. Alternative means of filing complaints, such as personal interviews or a tape recording of the complaint, will be made available for persons with disabilities upon request.

The complaint should be submitted by the grievant and/or his/her designee as soon as possible but no later than sixty (60) calendar days after the alleged violation to:

Dr. Lindsay Hathcock, ADA Coordinator
Executive Assistant to County Mayor
P.O. Box 1167
Cleveland, TN 37311
423-728-7165 or lhathcock@bradleycountytn.gov

Within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the complaint, the ADA Coordinator will meet with or otherwise contact the complainant to discuss the complaint and the possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the meeting, the ADA Coordinator will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, such as large print, Braille, or audio tape. The response will explain the position of Bradley County and offer options for substantive resolution of the complaint.

If the response by the ADA Coordinator does not satisfactorily resolve the issue, the complainant and/or his/her designee may appeal the decision within fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of the response to the Bradley County Mayor, or his/her designee.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the appeal, the Bradley County Mayor, or his/her designee will meet with or otherwise contact the complainant to discuss the complaint and possible resolutions. Within fifteen (15) days after the meeting, the Bradley County Mayor, or his/her designee will respond in writing, and where appropriate, in a format accessible to the complainant, with a final resolution of the complaint.

All complaints received by the ADA Coordinator, appeals to the Bradley County Mayor, or his/her designee, and responses from these two offices will be retained by Bradley County for at least three (3) years.